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Bobcats sweep Mancos in SJBL action

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Native comedians bring the laughs



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

The '49 Laughs' Comedy Show (l-r) James June, Pax Harvey, Tatanka Means, Adrienne Chalepah and Ernest Tsosie II, performed to a packed house at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Saturday, Jan. 20, bringing a 'Native' insight to their brand of comedy.

by Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The 49 Laughs crew treated a sold out crowd to some hysterical "rez jokes" Saturday, Jan. 10 at the Sky Ute Casino Resort Event Center.

The crew isn't the first Native comedy troupe to visit the Sky Ute Casino Resort, but their show may have been the most successful.

"We have done quite a few Native comics in the past, but have never had that kind of response, so we were very pleased," Tracy Leppert, Sky Ute Casino marketing coordinator said.

The 49 Laughs crew consists of the award winning Navajo comedy duo "James and Ernie,," Adrienne Chalepah (Kiowa and Apache); Pax Harvey (Navajo); and Tatanka Means (Omaha, Lakota

and Navajo).

The female voice of the crew, Chalepah, said she was beyond pleased with the turnout at the show.

"It was a really good turnout, especially since it was our first time performing at the Sky Ute Casino," Chalepah said. "I hope that they bring us back."

In addition to joke telling, the members of the group

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Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Juan Jose Martinez is sworn in by Judge Chantel Cloud on Thursday, Jan. 15, declaring him as the Southern Ute Police Department's new Patrol Lieutenant.

SOUTHERN UTE POLICE DEPT. SUPD welcomes new Lieutenant

By Damon Toledo
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Southern Ute Police Department has welcomed Lieutenant Juan Jose Martinez to the fold. He was brought on board thanks to his services and years of experience in the police force. He was joined by fellow police comrades inside the Southern Ute Tribal Courthouse on Thursday, Jan. 15 where he was officially sworn in by Judge Chantel Cloud.

Martinez grew up in Tierra Amarilla, NM where he

then graduated high school from Escalante. He attended the University of New Mexico for a year before returning home, where he spent three years working at the Rio Arriba Detention Center. From there he entered the New Mexico State Police Academy in June 1995 and graduated in May the following year.

Martinez stated that his inspiration in law enforcement came forth during his high school years.

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IHS WRESTLING

Wrestlers stout in Salida

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Unable to bring the proverbial 'wood' to Salida High School due to the literal lack of injured sophomore Lorenzo "Woody" Pena, Ignacio Wrestling still was sturdy enough to bring back third place from SHS' annual Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational held Saturday, Jan. 17.

Recording his second tournament title in as many weekends, sophomore 113-pounder Stocker Robbins followed up his triumph at Pagosa Springs' Rocky Mountain Invitational [Jan. 10] with a first at 'the Mickel,' defeating 2A Peyton sophomore Jack Kelly 11-4 to finish 2-0 at the 15-team assembly and help the Bobcats amass 128.5 team points to finish behind only 3A's Bayfield (131) and Cedaredge (160).

Senior Josh Gallegos ended up taking second out of a round-robin heavyweight division, ultimately placing behind Bayfield sophomore Sam Westbrook. Gallegos first pinned 2A San Luis Centennial's Ethan Adams in 1:46, then stuck 3A Basalt's Oswaldo Morales in only 31 seconds, lost to Westbrook – but in overtime, 7 to 5 – but bounced back to defeat Cedaredge's Mario Madaleno 7-3 and finish with a 3-1 record at the Spartans' gathering.

Sophomore Dalton Mickey, bumped up to fill Pena's place at 145, came in fourth (meet record of 1-2) after losing to 2A Westcliffe Custer County's Weldon Rusher by first-period pin, but senior Iaasic Pena (2-1) took second at 152 after a tough 3-1 loss in overtime to 2A Center's Salomon Chavez.

Junior Tyler Beebe and



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Iaasic Pena hoists high Ethan Lucero of 4A Silver (Silver City, N.M.) during 152-pound action at Pagosa Springs' Rocky Mountain Invitational on Jan. 10th. Pena won and advanced to the first-place match, but then lost to 1A Monticello (Utah) standout Cole Eldredge. IHS took seventh at the 16-team event, and then placed third at the 15-team Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational in Salida on Jan. 17.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio's Lorenzo Pena turns the lights out on 3A Montezuma-Cortez's Briggs Durbin during 145-pound, non-league dual action Jan. 12th inside the Panthers' Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium. The Bobcats lost to M-CHS 39-15, but then rebounded to beat 2A San Juan Basin League foe Mancos 48-18 later that night. Pena, however, injured a knee in the second period of his match versus MHS' Andrew Morgan and was inactive for IHS' trip to Salida's Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational on Jan. 17.

sophomore Ethan Appenzeller were third at 132 and 138 pounds, recording third-period pins, respectively, of Basalt's Luis Ruiz and Cedaredge's Wyatt Ashby.

Back in action after being

medically cleared of concussion effects, sophomore 160-pounder Timmy Plehinger also took home third place – but at the expense

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BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

'The Club', the new BGC?

By Trennie Collins
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

The Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe is giving the kids what they want by introducing a new element into their programming, known as The Club.

The Club will focus primarily on ages 13-15, but has the opportunity to expand all the way up to age 18.

BGC plans on doing a trial run, which will begin Tuesday, Feb. 3 at 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. and run until the end of the school year, May 19. During this time, The Club is free of charge.

In the future, BGC plans on charging the same BGC annual fees – Southern Ute tribal members and fist descendants \$5; and \$15 for non-tribal.

"We want to make sure we are reaching those older kids because they come to BGC and grow out of it and leave," Augusta Burch, program specialist said. "We want them to stay and transition to The Club because we have so much to offer."

The Club is a part of the Boys and Girls Club of America's Keystone Program. Keystone is one of Boys and Girls Club of America's premier teen leadership programs that focuses on effective leadership, good character and being a productive, responsible and caring citizen, Burch said.

For the youth, Keystone, with the help of the BGC staff, will give the teens opportunities to make leadership decisions. Help them make academic and career choices but also help serve our community.



Trennie Collins/SU Drum

Augusta Burch, program specialist and Casandra Sanchez, program coordinator for Boys and Girls Club proudly hold up The Club signs outside the BGC headquarters.

"One of our goals is to get kids familiar with us and our program so that we can help them whether it be finding a good college or getting them involved in the work place," she said. "Help support them from being in BGC to being in The Club and then staying up with them until they're 18."

The Club along with being the premiere "chill zone", has some fun activities planned for the kids such as, a glow in the dark movie, dodge ball tournament, video game tournament, and pudding Pictionary just to name a few.

These and other events will take place in our community with the main hub

being SunUte Community Center.

"Our main goal right now is getting the youth involved and then being able to create opportunities for them" said Casandra Sanchez, program coordinator for BGC.

For more information please contact The Boys and Girls Club of The Southern Ute Indian Tribe at 970-563-4753 or visit their website at www.bgcsu.org.

The Club

Ages 13-15, eventually up to age 18
Tuesday, Feb. 3
5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
until May 19.
The Club is free!



SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION 2015

The Election Board has determined these are the dates for the upcoming 2015 Special Election, according to the Constitution and Election Code.

SPECIAL ELECTION: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2015 from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Constitution Article V, Section 5: Any vacancy in the membership of the Tribal Council, resulting from any cause, shall be filled at a special election to be called and held within sixty (60) days following the date upon which it becomes vacant if the office has longer than six (6) months to run.

VOTER EGISTRATION DEADLINE: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 by 5 p.m.
Election Code 11-1-104 (1): Any enrolled So. Ute Tribal member, 18 years or over, shall register themselves to vote by this date and time to be qualified to vote at the upcoming election. The deadline to do so is seven (7) business days before the election.

ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2015 by 5 p.m.
Election Code 11-5-102 (2): Requests for an absentee ballot must be received by the Election Board no later than the close of business at least seven (7) business days before the election.

EMERGENCY ABSENTEE BALLOT REQUEST DEADLINE: Wednesday, Feb. 11, 2015 by 5 p.m.
Election Code 11-5-107 (3): An emergency ballot may be requested after the absentee ballot deadline and prior to the Election day.

Questions or concerns, call Election Board: 970-563-0100 ext. 2303 or 2305
Direct Line: 970-563-4789 or 1-800-772-1236, ext. 2303.

The Election Board office hours: Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

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OFFICIAL BALLOT OF THE SOUTHERN UTE TRIBE SPECIAL ELECTION February 12, 2015

COUNCIL MEMBER Notice – Vote For One

- ☐ Bernie Cuthair
- ☐ Shelly L. Thompson
- ☐ Joycelyn Peabody Dutchie
- ☐ Ramona Y. Eagle
- ☐ David Latham
- ☐ Jake B. Ryder

**NOTICE: THE CANDIDATE RECEIVING THE HIGHEST
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1. Polls open at 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. at the Sun Ute Community Center.
2. Voting is by secret ballot.
3. Voting by proxy is not allowed.
4. Persons waiting in line to vote at 7 p.m. will be allowed to vote.

- Voter Registration Deadline: Feb. 3, 2015 by 5 p.m.
- Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Feb. 3, 2015 by 5 p.m.
- Emergency Absentee Ballot Request Deadline: Feb. 11, 2015 by 5 p.m.

The Election Board office is open Monday thru Friday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Any questions please contact the Election Board at
970-563-0100, ext. 2303/2305 or our direct line 970-563-4789.

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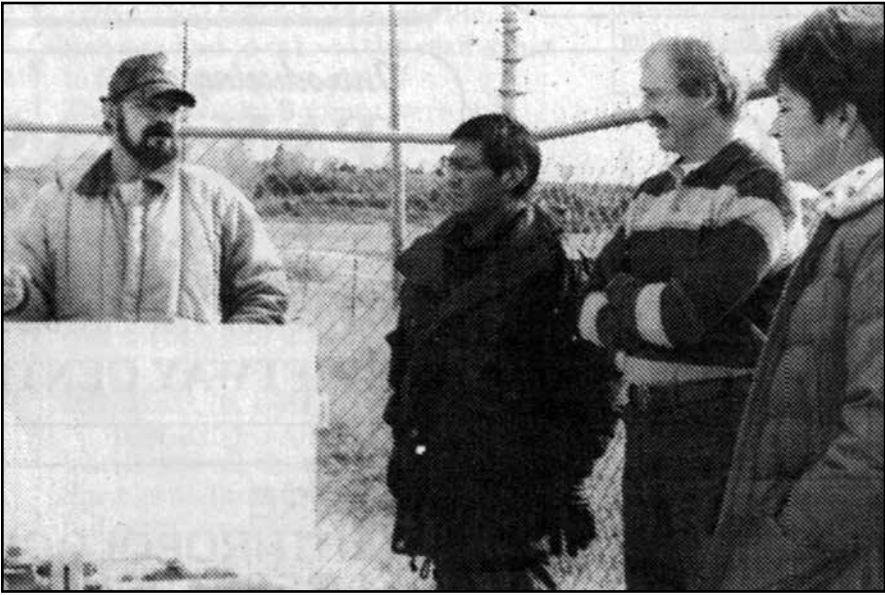


Beth Santistevan/SU Drum archive

10 years ago

The students of the Southern Ute Indian Academy are showing their support and sympathy for the survivors of the deadly Tsunami that claimed the lives of more than 200,000 people in Asia since it hit on Dec.w 26, 2004. Most of the students counting change knew they were donating to the survivors of the tsunami. They figured their donations would go to rebuilding houses, school and buying new clothes. They were asked to bring in spare change from home to donate to UNICEF on jan. 18 they came together in the Paa'at Dining hall to count the change, which resulted in \$640 ... all collected in one week.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 21, 2005, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.

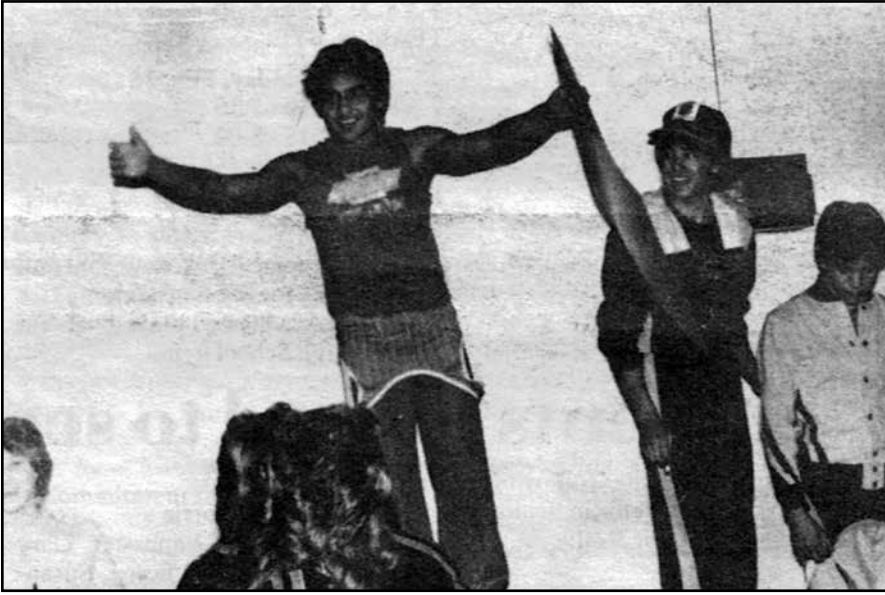


Robert Baker/SU Drum archive

20 years ago

Pinnecoose (left) is equipped with an arsenal of expensive instruments that detect natural gas, such as a thinking gas delivery system. Add these sophisticated detection instruments to El Paso's and the tribe's metering systems, and Pinnecoose has good records of where all the gas goes.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 20, 1995, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



SU Drum archive

30 years ago

Wendell Vigil with his first place award won at the Rocky Mountain Wrestling Tournament in Pagosa Springs.

This photo first appeared in the Jan. 25, 1985, edition of The Southern Ute Drum.



Snow removal priority list is as follows:

1. Dialysis Patients
2. Tribal Elders and Disabled Tribal Members
3. All other Tribal Home Owners



**When a snow storm hits, please keep this priority list in mind.
The snow removal crew will get to you in the order listed.**

SOON THE SNOW WILL BE FALLING -



We would like to remind homeowners of your responsibilities to assist in the snow removal process.



- ~ Please identify the areas that will need to be cleared of snow
- ~ Please inform drivers of any items in your yard such as; utilities - electrical meter boxes, phone boxes, water meters, sewer cleanouts
- ~ Please pick up all personal or valuable items **PRIOR** to large amounts of snow fall to insure the snow removal crews do not damage them. For example: bikes, yard ornaments, garden hoses, vehicles, toys etc.
- ~ Please keep all road accesses that require snow removal clear so that crews can get in and out in a timely manner
- ~ Make sure to secure all animals prior to snow removal, this is for the safety of the snow removal crew and the animals.



****TRIBAL MEMBERS ON OXYGEN****

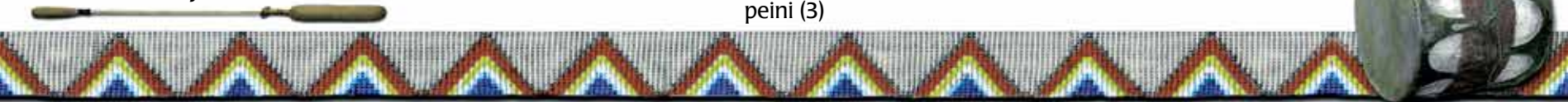
Contact your oxygen provider - ask them to provide oxygen canisters that do not require electricity to use in case of a power outage

Department Contact Numbers

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| Tribal Housing Department >>> 563-4710 | SUIHA >>> 563-4575 |
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NATIVE LITERATURE

‘A Pow Wow of Shadows’ hits the shelves

By Sacha Smith
THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Thaddine Johnson Swift Eagle, champion boxer, artist and writer sat down with the Drum to talk about her newly released novel, “A Pow Wow of Shadows.”

The book follows the story of a New York female boxer’s struggles and victories throughout her life.

“The book is about triumph and tragedy,” she said.

Swift Eagle is African American and Native American and said her book doesn’t shy away from her cultures; it rather brings them to light, she said. The book discusses struggles that are real and that effect many people, she said.

Swift Eagle said thought the book is fiction; a lot of truths can be found throughout the book. The book discusses something we all deal with; fear. The voice of fear can be louder than the voice of triumph at times, she said.

“I always heard, ‘no,’ “Swift Eagle said. But I always said, “‘I’m going to make you a liar’.”

However, within the book you will see how the character deals with fear and the power of the voice of triumph, she said.



Sacha Smith/SU Drum archive

Thaddine Swift Eagle Johnson, Native World Champion boxer, poses in front of paintings holding her new book, ‘A Pow Wow of Shadows’, Saturday, Dec. 6 during the Durango Native American Winter Arts market.

While in New York, Swift Eagle mostly only associated with those that shared the same interests as her. She rarely knew, or had time for, anyone outside of the gym she was training in, she said.

So moving from New York, NY to Colorado was a culture shock at first, but Swift Eagle said it only helped expand her ideas for the book. She got the opportunity to meet new people that were a lot different than the New Yorkers, boxers and gymnasts she became accustomed to being around.

“Everyone has a story within him or her,” she said.

According to Swift Eagle, “A Pow Wow of Shadows,” will be made into a movie in the near future and she hopes her book and

movie will reach fellow Natives.

She plans on a book signing tour that will take her around reservations and having her movie shown on reservations as well.

“It’s important for us to stick together ... promote each other,” she said.

Locally, you can find her book Maggies in Durango retailing for \$20.

Swift Eagle will also be doing book signings at Fort Lewis College in February and at the Ignacio Community Library in March.

You can also catch Swift Eagle at a lecture she is planning to give at the Ignacio Community Library. The lecture will be given to anyone interested in writing or publishing his or her own book.

Enjoying a meal and a laugh



Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Southern Ute and Ute Mountain Ute tribal elders enjoy a meal of posole, beans, red and green chili and tortillas and a movie provided monthly by the Southern Ute Culture Department. The movie, ‘Older Than America’ featuring Adam Beach was shown during lunch.

Chalepah brings humor to IHS



photos Robert L. Ortiz/SU Drum

Adrianne Chalepah (Kiowa/Apache) brought some humor and words of encouragement and empowerment to the students of the Ignacio High School during an assembly organized by the Native American Youth Organization (NAYO) Friday, Jan. 10. Chalepah graduated Magna Cum Laude from Fort Lewis College.



Students met and shook hands with Chalepah after her performance at the high school. She performs with the ‘49 Laughs’ comedy troupe.

Adrianne Chalepah, from Anadarko, OK, is not only a stand-up comedian; she is a film maker, writer and a motivational speaker. She draws on her experiences to give those she talks to the strength and courage to endure whatever hardships they may have.

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
Oil and Gas Royalty Question and Answer Sessions

BIA - Southern Ute Agency
Feb. 11: 8:30 – 11:15 a.m.

Southern Ute Senior Center
Feb. 11: 11:30 a.m. – 1 p.m.

You are invited to come and have your mineral ownership or royalty questions answered regardless of where your allotment is located. Please bring any documents you would like to discuss. For more information, contact John Roach at the Office of the Special Trustee at 970-563-1013 or Tom Piccirilli of the Office of Natural Resources Revenue at 800-982-3226.

CULTURAL UPDATE

95TH ANNUAL SOUTHERN UTE FAIR THEME AND ART WORK CONTEST

The Southern Ute Culture Department would like to announce the 2015 Logo and Theme Contest for the 95th Annual Southern Ute Fair. This Contest is open to ALL Ute members. All medias of art will be accepted until April 30 at 5 p.m. Artwork shall be no bigger than 8.5 inches by 11 inches. Logo submissions must include a theme to coincide with respective artwork. Artwork must be signed by the artist. Selected artwork will be property of the Southern Ute Culture Department and will be featured on all items associated with the 95th Annual Southern Ute Fair. A stipend will be rewarded to the winner plus one t-shirt with the Fair Logo and Theme. Winner will do a short interview with the Public Relations Department OR may write a short paragraph explaining the Logo and

Theme which will be featured in the 2015 Fair Premium Book. NO EXCEPTIONS TO THE RULES! Submit to the Southern Ute Culture Department PO Box 737 #88 Ignacio, CO 81137 or contact Tara Vigil, Special Events Coordinator at 970-563-0100 ext. 3624.

CULTURE DEPT. ANNOUNCES CANCELLATIONS AND RESCHEDULING

Due to unforeseen circumstances the Culture Department is re-scheduling the following events:


- Cradleboard finishing class scheduled for Sat. & Sunday, Jan. 24 and 25, will be held on Jan. 31 and Feb. 1 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- Family Ute Language and Culture Class scheduled for Sunday, Jan. 25, is cancelled. Family classes will resume in February.

SUCCM UPDATE

ATTENTION LOCAL ARTISANS

The Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum would like to extend an invitation to local Ute artist to come and display/sell their work in the former gift shop. The new locals Art Gallery will be used as a showcase for contemporary local Ute art and traditional Ute works. The museum is offering a venue for

your work to be displayed, viewed and possibly sold. Your work will have chance to be seen by consumers from around the world, as we often have international visitors. So if you would like to reserve a place for your art in the Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum new Art Gallery, please stop by to talk with an employee today!



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BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS

A success story

Staff report
BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS PROGRAMS

Joe, a local student, had been getting into trouble at school, yelling and being disrespectful to his mother, spending hours watching TV and playing video games, refusing to go outside, and generally making everyone miserable. Joe needed someone who cared about his feelings and, most importantly, a younger guy who could show him the ropes about life, because his father wasn't available. Joe was in desperate need of a Big Brother.

Joe was matched with Bob about a year and a half ago. Bob, new to the mentoring game, is a college student, artist, and caring person. He came into the match armed to the teeth with a giving heart and an open mind. Now, Bob and Joe are like best friends. Joe's grades have gone from a D average to B's and C's. He welded a lamp as a gift for his mother last Christmas. Joe told me that Bob and he have been looking into tak-

ing harder courses in high school and applying to colleges. This is a huge turnaround. How did it happen? Bob said it was no special gift, no challenge - he was just being himself.

This is a true story of a match made by Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) through their Community Based Program.

The Community Based Program matches positive role models with "Littles." These mentors are members of the community willing to help our "Littles" find the path to being responsible, productive adults. The Community Based Program is all about having fun and building a long lasting, positive relationship.

We have had many Ignacio parents inquire about

enrolling their children in the Community Based Program. Unfortunately, we don't have any volunteer mentors in Ignacio at this time, but we desperately want to change that.

Becoming a Big Brother or Big Sister gives you the opportunity to make a real and meaningful impact on the community. At Big Brothers Big Sisters, we believe that moral and social values are best learned through everyday activities. No matter what you do together, a few hours with a Little Brother or Little Sister can become your most happy, productive time.

Isn't it time you got involved? Call Caleb at the BBBS office at (970) 903-4231, or email him at caleb@bbig.org.



Big Brothers Big Sisters

TRIBAL HEALTH

Four tips to fight workplace illness

Staff report
THE CLEAN TEAM/ PROPERTY & FACILITIES

Chillier weather isn't the only dreaded winter guest. The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) recently announced the flu has reached epidemic levels in the United States due to a severe strain and a less effective flu vaccine. Pneumonia is common in these most recent cases.

To help organizations keep employees healthy amidst cold and flu season, The Clean Team and Property and Facilities, are providing these four illness-fighting tips:

Clean and disinfect surfaces to remove germs.

Infection prevention is key for maintaining health and safety among the workforce. Infections can spread when people touch surfaces contaminated with illness-causing pathogens. Organizations should focus on frequent cleaning and disinfection of high-touch surfaces so that germs are removed. These

surfaces include doorknobs, phones, desks, light switches, and elevator buttons. Disinfecting wipes are provided in the Clinics as well as other key areas. The Clean Team Sanitizes high touch surfaces Daily.

Follow hand hygiene rules to prevent the spread of illness.

Proper hand hygiene reduces or eliminates the transmission of pathogens from someone's hands to their mouth and from one person to another. Employees should wash their hands thoroughly with soap and water, or with hand sanitizer if soap and water aren't accessible. Both High Quality foam soap and alcohol free hand sanitizers are amply supplied campus wide.

Provide relief through well-stocked first-aid kits and cabinets.

Businesses should keep first-aid kits and cabinets well-maintained so that they have a range of solutions on hand to help alleviate unpleasant aches and pains. These include

individually-sealed, non-drowsy headache and pain relief. Zee does an excellent job of keeping first aid kits well stocked.

Prepare employees for increased outbreaks.


It's key to get the individual employees on board with infection prevention strategies and teach them how to reduce the spread of illnesses. Key personnel should remind workers where first-aid cabinets are placed and highlight the types of solutions they can find inside. Organizations can also demonstrate proper etiquette for sick workers, such as coughing and sneezing into their arms, and taking medication at the first sign of illness. If very ill, stay home to avoid spreading your sickness to others, the Tribe provides ample sick leave for this reason- please use it.

Wash your Hands, Wash your hands, Wash your hands.

Thank You for your attention on these important reminders.

BREAST CANCER SCREENING


Breast cancer screening can be overwhelming but it doesn't have to be. Ask your primary care provider these questions:




1. Am I at risk for breast cancer?
2. When was my last mammogram?
3. How often should I be screened?
4. What if my results are abnormal?

Contact: Andrea Martinez
CHR/Health Service
Mouache Capote Building
(970) 563-0154 Ext. 2347


****SCHEDULE A MAMMOGRAM PARTY****






Form Approved OMB No. 0938-1190


Application for Exemption for American Indians and Alaska Natives and Other Individuals who are Eligible to Receive Services from an Indian Health Care Provider




Use this application to apply for an exemption from the shared responsibility payment




Who can use this application?




What you need to apply



Why do we ask for this information?



What happens next?



Get help with this application

- Starting in 2014, every person needs to have health coverage or make a payment on their federal income tax return called the "shared responsibility payment."
- Some people are exempt from making this payment. This application includes 2 categories of exemptions. There are other applications for other categories of exemptions. You may apply for certain other categories of exemptions when you file your federal income tax return. If you're a member of an Indian tribe, you can ask the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) for this exemption when you file your federal income tax return.
- You don't need to ask for an exemption if you're not going to file a federal income tax return because your income is below the filing threshold. If you're not sure, you may want to ask for an exemption.

- Use this application if you and/or anyone in your tax household is:**
 - A member of an Indian tribe.
 - Another individual who's eligible for health services through the Indian Health Service, tribes and tribal organizations, or urban Indian organizations.
- If you get this exemption, you can keep it for future years without submitting another application if your membership or eligibility for services from an Indian health care provider remains unchanged.
- You can use one application to apply for this exemption for more than one person in your tax household.

- Documents showing tribal membership or eligibility for services from the Indian Health Service, a tribal health care provider, or an urban Indian health care provider (see page 4).
- Social Security numbers (SSNs), if you have them.
- Information about people in your tax household.


We ask for Social Security numbers and other information to make sure your exemption is counted when you file your federal income tax return. **We'll keep all the information you give private and secure, as required by law.** To view the Privacy Act Statement, go to HealthCare.gov or see instructions.

Send your complete, signed application with documents to the address on page 3. We'll follow-up with you within 1-2 weeks and let you know if we need additional information. If you get this exemption, we'll give you an Exemption Certificate Number that you'll put on your federal income tax return. If you don't hear from us, visit HealthCare.gov, or call the Health Insurance Marketplace Help Center at 1-800-318-2596. TTY users should call 1-855-889-4325.

- Online:** HealthCare.gov.
- Phone:** Call our Health Insurance Marketplace Call Center at 1-800-318-2596.
- In person:** There may be counselors in your area who can help. Visit HealthCare.gov or call 1-800-318-2596 for more information.
- En Español:** Llame a nuestro centro de ayuda gratis al 1-800-318-2596.

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At each launch event you will receive details about the 2015 wellness challenge and have the opportunity to sign up with a trainer. You will leave feeling pumped and ready to start packing for your trip to a healthier lifestyle! If you are unable to attend please contact a SunUte trainer at ext. 2658.

We look forward to seeing you!

This wellness challenge is open to all Southern Ute Tribal Members, Full and Part-time employees of the Permanent Fund.

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Help raise awareness for the Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women across the US and Canada. We are creating a traveling art exhibit displaying approximately 1,181 earrings (one-side or one half of a pair) to symbolize the Indigenous women who were stolen.

We are asking you to send us one side of a Native designed earring (or an earring you've lost one side to) to help us shed light on this important epidemic. In February, we'll be hosting a Speak Out event and march in Fargo at North Dakota State University on February 9th and 14th respectively to show our solidarity for our stolen sisters.

PLEASE HELP DONATE AND RAISE AWARENESS.
ALL DONATIONS NEED BE RECEIVED BY: JANUARY 31, 2015

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IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT

Cats Make The Grade

2nd Quarter Honor Roll, 2014-2015

Staff report

IGNACIO HIGH SCHOOL

Perez, Samantha Phillips, Ryley Webb; 3.0 Elizebeth Galloway, Josiah Tessler

SENIORS: 4.7 Tyler Riepel; 4.4 David Cooper; 4.2 Dynesha Drake, Summer Youngman; 4.0 Adison Jones, Miguel Perez; 3.6 Sydney Santistevan, July Stricherz, Kristean Velasquez-Baker; 3.5 James Ballew, Sky Cotton; 3.4 Blaine Mickey; 3.3 Shea Hanna; 3.2 Xavier Reynolds, Alysa Smithson; 3.0 Alicia Naranjo, Sarina Vigil, Ziyu Wang

JUNIORS: 5.0 Austin McCaw, Chrystianne Valdez; 4.6 Wyatt Hayes; 4.4 Lillianana Romero; 4.1 Antonia Mejia; 4.0 Alexandra Gearhart, Tucker Ward; Ellie Seibel; 3.7 Jerica Jackson; 3.6 Tyler Beebe, Adelle Hight, Anthony Manzanares; 3.3 Tyler Lucero; 3.1 Javan Webb; 3.0 Nicholas Herrera, Rebekah Powell, Tristan Vickers-Boone

SOPHOMORES: 4.0 Tori Archuleta, Rachel Cooper, Zachary Weinreich; 3.9 Bryan Gram, Lea Monroe; 3.8 Isis Gonzales, Colten Smithson; 3.7 Joaquin King, Colton Logan; 3.6 Zachary James, Jessica Manley; 3.5 Stocker Robbins; 3.4 Kelly Campbell, Lainey Espinosa, Lucas Monroe; 3.3 Lorenzo Pena, Jade Richards; 3.2 Samuel Abendroth, Tyler Jourden, Azala

FRESHMEN: 4.0 Gabriela Creason, Kendall Raby, Johnny Valdez Jr.; 3.9 Justus Logan; 3.8 Cole McCaw; 3.7 Wren Bourriague, Dominic Cuthair, Avionne Gomez, Raeann Martinez, Parker Smithson; 3.6 Natoni Cundiff, Kai Roubideaux; 3.5 Keegan Richmond; 3.4 Chasity Bean, Sidney Cox, Caroline Headdy; Ada Wilmer 3.3 Jacob Lucero; 3.2 Jaden Maez, Karely Mendoza; 3.1 Allisianna Marquez-Baker; 3.0 Rugee Albo, Makayla Brown, Anastasia Ellison, Da’Shonetta Lloyd, Leela Rosa, Tauno Wilmer Gallegos

CENTER BASE HONOR ROLL: Senior: 4.0 Cameron Francis; **Junior:** 4.0 Brandon Wade; **Sophomores:** 4.0 Briana Olguin; 3.6 Ethan Wade; **Freshman:** 3.9 Hailey Ruybal

2ND QUARTER STUDENT/TEACHER: Teacher of the Quarter: Tony Kimball; **Seniors:** Dynesha Drake and Adison Jones; **Juniors:** Chrystianne Valdez and Wyatt Hayes; **Sophomores:** Isis Gonzales and Zachary Weinreich; **Freshmen:** Gabriela Creason and Natoni Cundiff

BOYS AND GIRLS CLUB

BGC receives generous donation

By Sacha Smith

THE SOUTHERN UTE DRUM

Former Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council lady, Pathimi M. GoodTracks made a generous donation to the Boys and Girls Club of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe Tuesday, Jan. 20.

GoodTracks donated the amount of her severance from Tribal Council to the Boys and Girls Club. “The intent is for it to be used for cultural purposes for Ute youth,” she said.

GoodTracks said the

money she received was unearned. Therefore, she chose to donate it.

“I chose to accept [the severance] and donate it to the strengthening of cultural and traditional values amongst Ute youth ... and I chose the Boys and Girls Club,” she said.

GoodTracks stressed that the donation go towards developing long-term sustainable cultural programs.

Boys and Girls Club Chief Professional Officer, Bruce LeClaire, said the donation was beyond generous

and much appreciated.

“We’re very fortunate to receive this donation from [GoodTracks],” he said. “It gave me a renewed confidence in adults in the community caring about the children.”

As for the money going specifically toward Ute culture, LeClaire said he backs it fully.

“I believe in strengthening culture and cultural awareness,” he said. “It will help [Ute youth] with understanding and taking pride in their teachings.”

Coyote celebrates graduation



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Southern Ute tribal member, Tanisha Ruth Marie Turtle Coyote (17), celebrated an early high school graduation on Friday, Jan. 16. She was joined by her family at Farmington High School, where she was awarded her diploma complete with cap and gown. Coyote will be attending Colorado Mesa University in Grand Junction, CO starting in August, where she will continue with her studies in culinary arts. Tanisha Coyote (above) poses with her family who commended her for her successes. Coyote thanks her mom and dad for guiding her through hardships and support.

Tanisha Coyote (right) smiles in her graduation gown after receiving her high school diploma. Timothy Kienitz, Farmington High School principal, congratulated Coyote on her achievements and wished her a thoughtful future in her education.



EDUCATION UPDATE

IGNACIO SCHOOL DISTRICT
ANNOUNCE PARENT TEACHER
CONFERENCES

Ignacio School District will be holding parent teacher conferences on the following dates and times. For further info contact the Ignacio School District.

- **Elementary School:** Feb. 23 and 24 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.
- **Middle School:** Feb. 24 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for alphabet A-L and Feb. 25 from 4:30 to 7 p.m. for alphabet M-Z
- **High School:** Feb. 25 and 26 from 4:30 to 7 p.m.

GET INVOLVED!

The parents’ guide to education

Staff report
MICHAEL KIRSCH

HELP WITH YOUR
CHILD’S EDUCATION

This article discusses simple ways for you to stay involved in your student’s education.

ATTEND SCHOOL
EVENTS

Such events as student

performances, awards ceremonies, and sporting events are great ways for you to show support to your student’s school.

Attending these events also shows support to the teachers and staff at the school as well as providing an opportunity to meet other parents.

- Find ways to be more involved

- Volunteer in a classroom
- Join a parent group
- Attend educational policy meetings
- Serve on a school board or committee

Your presence at school related functions will show your student how important his/her education is to you.

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

The Southern Ute Education Department and staff introduced a special recognition program last year, the program for the young and the talented Southern Ute students attending Ignacio public schools. The staff will recognize two students a month for all their hard work and kindness given to others. Check the Drum each month and listen to KSUT for the announcement of the next honored students as well as an interview.



ETHAN BARRY

My name is Ethan Barry. I attend Ignacio Elementary School, where I am a 2nd grader. My favorite subjects in school are computers and reading. My parents are Preston Barry and LeNora Martinez. I like participating in basketball, P.E., and anything fun. In addition, I want to play in the NFL when I grow up. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of January because I am a great student, I turn in all my homework, and I’m a great listener.

Comments: Ethan has been working super hard at meeting his goal of reading 100 books and is only 3 books away. He’s a great student, brother, and son.



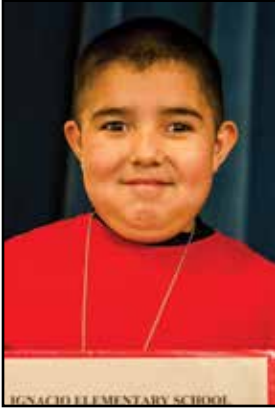
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RHIANNA CAREL

My name is Rhianna Carel. I attend Ignacio Elementary school, where I am a 5th grader. My favorite subjects in school are art and math. My parents are Marie Joy and Vern Carel. I like participating in volleyball and basketball. In addition, I want to be a kindergarten teacher when I grow up. I have been chosen as Southern Ute Tribal Student of the Month for the month of January because I have worked hard on my schoolwork, made it to school on time, and I work hard to reach my goals.

Comments: Rhianna has been working hard to meet her reading goals and understand her homework. Keep up the great work!

Bobcats of the month



photos Damon Toledo/SU Drum

These Ignacio Elementary School students were honored as Bobcats of the month for their helpfulness, attitude in class and willingness to learn (top to bottom, l-r):

Tavian Box, Marcos Brown, Mamie Ruth Burch, Dannu Coriz, Sonny Flores, Willie Fuller, Angelina Guzman Griego, Tomas Gonzalez and Marissa Olguin.

AQ says farewell to Jarrell



Damon Toledo/SU Drum

Air Quality Program Manager, Brenda Jarrell, is departing from the Southern Ute Indian Tribe after servicing the community for nine years. Jarrell began her services with the Tribe in 2006 and has been instrumental in making the Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Air Quality Program one of the most successful regulatory programs in Indian Country and has earned the respect of air quality professionals throughout the nation. Brenda's next important role will be a stay-at-home mom for her first child, Desmond. A special lunch was held for Jarrell on Thursday, Jan. 15. She was met with all her peers and Tribal Chairman, Clement J. Frost, who presented her with a brand new Pendleton blanket as a departing gift.

2015 calendars are here



The 2015 Southern Ute Tribal calendars are available for pickup at the Southern Ute Drum office, located in the Leonard C. Burch Building. Please understand we have a limited amount. Each tribal member head-of-household was mailed a calendar.

Advertise in the Drum!

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POSITIVE INDIAN PARENTING CLASSES

8 Weeks session

Every Tuesday

Date: January 20, 2015

Time: 5:30 – 7:30

NEW LOCATION: Mouache-Capote Building
Conference Room #148

Positive Indian Parenting class topics include:

- Welcome and Orientation/Traditional Parenting
- Lessons of the Storyteller
- Lessons of the Cradleboard
- Harmony is Child Rearing
- Traditional Behavior Management
- Lessons of Mother Nature
- Praise in Traditional Parenting
- Choices in Parenting Graduation

Positive Indian Parenting is designed to provide brief, practical, and culturally specific parenting skills for Native parents. We will explore the values and attitudes of traditional native child parenting practices and apply those values to modern parenting.

For early registration or information you may contact Southern Division of Social Services: Kathryn Jacket (970) 563-4735 or (970)442-1835

Child care and supper will be provided.

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Jan 28th at noon

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Tuesday evenings,

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(Begins January 13)

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Space is limited.
Reserve your place now.

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A Native American Fatherhood & Families Association program brought to our community by the Southern Ute Montessori Head Start, a division of SUCAP

Southern Ute tribal holiday office closures

- **Feb. 16:** President's Day
- **May 25:** Memorial Day
- **July 3:** Independence Day (observed)
- **July 13:** Sun Dance Feast
- **Sept. 7:** Labor Day
- **Nov. 11:** Veteran's Day
- **Nov. 26-27:** Thanksgiving
- **Dec. 10-11:** Leonard C. Burch Day
- **Dec. 25:** Christmas

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Comedians; more than just ‘49 Laughs’

The performers that make up the ‘49 Laughs’ Comedy Show are more than just comedians. They know and understand how laughter can be a healing but to mix traditional and modern styles and sharing their own experiences shed light on how we view others but more importantly ourselves. The comedians of the ‘49 Laughs’ comedy show are James June and Ernest Tsosie III, (both Navajo) of the famous ‘James & Ernie Comedy’ duo, Tatanka Means (Omaha, Lakota and Navajo), Adrienne Chalepah (Kiowa and Apache) and Pax Harvey (Navajo). The ‘49 Laughs’ Comedy Show performed to a sold-out show at the Sky Ute Casino Resort, Saturday, Jan. 20.



Pax Harvey brought laughter of his no ‘high-tech’ youth. He pokes fun at being a Navajo from the ‘rez’. Harvey recently made his acting debut in the movie ‘More than Frybread.’



James June brought laughs of him always being mistaken as Chinese and wherever he goes, there is always a Navajo there. Junes starred in George Lucas’ Navajo-dubbed Star Wars.



Tatanka Means jokes about being in the club, dancing and being ‘taken advatage of’ by another male dancer, mistaking him for a female with his long braids. ‘Albuquerque The Magazine’ voted Means 2013’s Comedian of the Year.



Ernest Tsosie III, points the direction to success. His brand of humor talks about his recent weight loss and the traditional ways of his upbringing. Tsosie III is the co-winner of the 2009 North American Indigenous Image Award.



Andrienne Chalepah squints as she checks the man whom she was not to show interest in, as warned by a jealous girlfriend. Chalepah starred with her husband, Waylon Plentyholes in ‘Bridezillas’.

NATIVE COMEDIANS • FROM PAGE 1

are also motivational speakers and are often viewed as positive role models for Native communities to look up to.

“I really honor being a role model; it has made me mindful. It’s about being respectful. I act like how I would act in front of my grandmother,”Chalepah said. “I’m very fortunate to be apart of a group that is all native and all sober. We motivate each other to be healthy, mentally, physically and spiritually.”

Chalepah started her comedic career after a successful open mic session held at Ft. Lewis College. She later began opening up for other comedians before she was asked to join the 49 Laughs crew. She quit her well-paying job at a bank to pursue being a full-time stand up comedian.

“It’s the craziest thing I’ve ever



The comedians took time to talk and meet with fans of the show and sign autographs. Pax Harvey gives a thumbs up with Krislynn Thompson after the ‘49 Laughs’ show.

done ... I was four months pregnant at the time too,” she said.

Luckily, Chalepah has proven to be a natural at making audiences laugh.


If you missed the show, you should be able to catch them back here in the near future.

“As well as they did we are looking to bring them in at least once a year, if not twice a year,” Leppert said.




Tatanka Means (above) signs autographs for the youth and others after the ‘49 Laughs’ Comedy Show at the casino.

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The Southern Ute Drum



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DEADLINE

The deadline for each issue is 5 p.m. the preceding MONDAY. All materials, including copy and camera-ready logos, artwork and photos, must be submitted on time.

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| Deadline Dates | Federally recognized holidays & tribal office closures | Distribution & mailout |
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| Jan. 5 | New Year's Day (1/1), offices closed Jan. 1-2 | Jan. 9 |
| Jan. 16* | Martin Luther King Jr. Day (1/19), offices closed Mon. Jan. 19 | Jan. 23 |
| Feb. 2 | Valentine's Day (2/14) | Feb. 6 |
| Feb. 13* | President's Day (2/16), offices closed Monday, Feb. 16 | Feb. 20 |
| Mar. 2 | | Mar. 6 |
| Mar. 16 | | Mar. 20 |
| Mar. 30 | April Fool's Day (4/1), Easter (4/5) | Apr. 3 |
| Apr. 13 | | Apr. 17 |
| Apr. 27 | May Day (5/1) Mother's Day (5/10) | May 1 |
| May 11 | Memorial Day (5/25), offices closed Monday, May 25 | May 15 |
| May 22* | | May 29 |
| Jun. 8 | Father's Day (6/21) | Jun. 12 |
| Jun. 22 | Independence Day (4/4), offices closed Friday, July 3 | Jun. 26 |
| Jul. 6 | Sun Dance Feast (7/13), offices closed Monday, July 13 | Jul. 10 |
| Jul. 20 | | Jul. 24 |
| Aug. 3 | | Aug. 7 |
| Aug. 17 | | Aug. 21 |
| Aug. 31 | Labor Day (9/7), offices closed Monday, Sept. 7 | Sep. 4 |
| Sep. 14 | Grandparent's Day (9/13) | Sep. 18 |
| Sep. 28 | | Oct. 2 |
| Oct. 12 | Cultural Diversity Day (10/12) | Oct. 16 |
| Oct. 26 | Halloween (10/31) | Oct. 30 |
| Nov. 6* | Veterans Day (11/11), offices closed Wednesday, Nov. 11 | Nov. 13 |
| Nov. 19* | Thanksgiving (11/26), offices closed Nov. 26-27 | Nov. 25* |
| Dec. 3* | Leonard C. Burch Day (12/10), offices closed Dec. 10-11 | Dec. 9* |
| Dec. 18 | Christmas (12/25), offices closed Friday, Dec. 25 | Dec. 24* |

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IHS BOYS BASKETBALL

Bobcats stave off challenges

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Just when they needed a proverbial ‘shot in the arm,’ the Ignacio boys collectively got three – more than lethal enough an injection of enthusiasm to put down visiting Mancos, and still strong enough to then last into the next evening and fuel a crucial fast start into a battle with Telluride.

The end result? Not the prettiest brand of Bobcat Basketball yet seen, but enough to secure what will end up being a key 2A/1A San Juan Basin League sweep – 71 to 50 over MHS, and 56-32 over THS.

“If we were playing our best basketball now, I’d be worried. And we aren’t; we aren’t anywhere close to our best ... which is awesome because we want to peak in a month or two!” IHS head coach Chris Valdez said.

“So I’m really excited about ... the potential we have for the rest of the season. I would assess us as right where we need to be.”

Impressed by his own team’s work inside SunUte Community Center, new Telluride boss Stefan Reiter – the replacement for Valdez-like vocalist Mike Hughes (now athletic/activity director at 4A Aurora Vista PEAK Prep) – was in near agreement about the Miners’ prospects after having been close to the Cats at halftime, 22-16.

“Like I told ’em, good teams lose games,” he said. “And they’re a good team, they really are. Didn’t really show it the whole entire game tonight, but you could see the spurts of life where if we play like that the entire game, then that’s an entirely different outcome – it’s a close game, it’s a good game.”

But the Miners, like the Blue Jays, found themselves facing a rugged uphill climb almost immediately; behind senior forward Adison Jones [20 points versus MHS, 22 vs. THS], Ignacio raced out to 6-0 leads in each contest and led 16-5 after a quarter in the Jan. 16th test, and 10-2 after one in the test on the 17th.

“It’s just that first half,” quipped Mancos senior guard Jayden Peacock, whose bunch would trail 34-18 at intermission despite senior guard Nigel Henry knocking down two three-pointers – like Telluride senior guard Wilder Hanley would also manage – and generating momentum that would eventually



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Adison Jones (30) pays no mind to Mancos’ oncoming Ro Paschal (22) while hitting an outside shot during varsity play Jan. 16 inside SunUte Community Center. Jones totaled 42 points during a weekend sweep of the Blue Jays and Telluride Miners.

bring MHS back to as close as 46-35 after beginning the third quarter on a 10-2 dash.

“At the beginning [Valdez] said they were one of the toughest teams in our league,” said IHS senior guard Xavier Reynolds, “and tonight they proved it with that run. But we kept our composure and just held them off.”

But not until IHS junior guard Wyatt Hayes’ trey ending the third were Rodney Cox’s Jays truly in trouble.

“Wyatt came off the floor and said, ‘Hey! We can’t let them talk to us like that! We’ve got to get it going!’” Valdez recalled. “And when he says something, his team responds. He and Adi are ‘the guys;’ if they say something, everybody kind of listens!”

The triple, rebuilding the Bobcats’ lead to 51-37, rapidly led to Reynolds’ beginning the fourth, and then immediately to junior Tucker Ward’s from the same spot – the corner, in front of a boisterous Ignacio bench.

And after a Mancos turnover at the other end, junior Austin McCaw then an underhand toss in transition from Ward and coolly finished a two-on-one break with a layup for a 59-37 advantage, soon overwhelming at 63-37 before MHS (5-4, 1-1 SJBL) made the final margin more respectable with six late points from junior Ro Paschal.

“Xavier came out a lit-

tle shaky,” Valdez said. “Coaches got on him and even the players were like, ‘Hey!’ And he went out and hit a three, hit the little floater, and that’s what he’s capable of – he’s capable of eight or ten off the bench in less than a quarter and a half!”

“I felt pretty good after it went in,” Reynolds said of his three-ball, leading to a five-point night. “I had a lot of confidence, so whenever I got the opportunity to shoot I just shot with confidence, thinking it was going in.”

“I was just trying to not miss the easy layup and just help our team,” said McCaw, who netted nine points as a reserve. “Not turn the ball over, make good passes – just help out in any way.”

“He just plays his role; he’s not here to be an all-star,” Valdez stated. “He wants to help this team, whatever that takes! I think Austin was really the deciding factor why we didn’t fall apart.”

Hayes totaled 12 points in the victory, Ward and junior guard Anthony Manzanares each had ten, and junior center/forward Nick Herrera booked five before fouling out with 1:42 left in the game. Seven-of-eight from the foul line [Mancos was 22-of-30, compared to Ignacio’s 9-of-13], Paschal posted 15 points for MHS and Henry finished with 12. Peacock and ju-

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IHS GIRLS BASKETBALL

Lady Cats laying waste to league

By Joel Priest
SPECIAL TO THE DRUM

Three teams going opposite directions took to the SunUte Community Center court the weekend of Jan. 16 and 17, but only one looks to still be going anywhere in the near future.

And it’s neither Mancos nor Telluride.

Try ... the ‘I.’ As in Ignacio, the new bully on the 2A/1A San Juan Basin League’s block.

Powered by super-sub Avionne Gomez’s two three-point plays in the first frame against experience-challenged, injury-hampered MHS, leading to her game-high 18 points, the Lady Bobcats led 11-3 after eight minutes and 26-6 through sixteen en route to an easy 53-24 Friday evening conquest.

“The last three minutes of the second quarter, they just took it over,” lamented Lady Jays head coach Mallory Morgan. “We just couldn’t get anything going.”

But at least they had something going; THS, to the amazement of most, had nearly nothing headed into halftime of their Saturday evening visit.

IHS freshman Hilda Garcia picked up where she’d left off against Mancos, following an eight-point fourth quarter one night with a seven-point first the next, and junior



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

With Telluride’s Bri Brown (15) looking on, Ignacio’s Hilda Garcia (30) passes out of a THS trap to cutting teammate Sky Cotton (24) during SJBL action inside SunUte Community Center, Jan. 17. The Lady Bobcats went 2-for-2 during their weekend homestand, downing the Lady Miners an evening after stopping Mancos.

Ellie Seibel, who’d managed five points versus the blue-and-white, blew up for ten in the opening stanza versus the maroon-and-white as the Lady ‘Cats (7-3, 4-0 SJBL) stormed out to an awesome 30-1 lead at the end of the first quarter.

“Like I tell my team ... you don’t know who it’s going to be on every given night, who the lead-

ing scorer is,” said IHS head coach Shane Seibel. “They’re very supportive of one another ... love to play the game, and they encourage whomever has the hot hand!”

And only Seibel could control the burn; inserting his second string during the second quarter, IHS’

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JV and C teams get their due



photos Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Kruz Pardo (33) glides downcourt, well ahead of Mancos’ pursuit during JV action inside SunUte Community Center on Friday, Jan. 16. The Bobcats took care of the Blue Jays 56-30, after leading 17-7 through one quarter and 33-15 through two. The next afternoon, visiting Telluride took IHS to task, holding leads of 12-3 after one quarter, 16-12 at halftime and 28-22 after the third quarter before Ignacio erupted for an incredible 24 fourth-quarter points – keyed by seven from Marcus Chapman and four from John Valdez during the team’s initial 16-0 outburst in the frame – to commandeer a 46-32 victory and complete a 2-for-2 homestand.



Ignacio’s Selena Cook (1) twists up to spot the rim for a running shot against Telluride during the Lady Bobcat JV’s 29-6 victory Jan. 17 inside SunUte Community Center. Plagued by foul-line inaccuracy, IHS had fallen the afternoon before, 30-18 to Mancos in the team’s first of two in-town 2A/1A San Juan Basin League contests.



Ignacio’s Daniel Weaver (33) out-races Bayfield’s Steven Knipp (10) to the ball during C-team action inside SunUte Community Center on Friday, Jan. 16. Not pictured, Bobcat Jesse Rubio’s two late free throws gave IHS a 21-20 lead in the running-clock clash, but the Wolverines countered with six unanswered points [a layup tried, and made after the ending buzzer did not count] to swipe the victory.

Ignacio boys sweep shootout



courtesy Carmen Ryder

On Saturday, Jan. 10 Bird Ryder, Ocean Hunter, Elco Garcia and Jonas Nanaeto competed in the Elk’s Annual Free-throw Shootout. Ryder won first place in the annual free-throw shootout. Hunter placed second, Garcia took third and Nanaeto rounded out the Ignacio sweep by placing fourth. Ryder will be competing in the Elk Shootout Regionals on Sunday, Jan. 25 at 9 a.m. at Fort Lewis College.



OBITUARIES

BLACKBIRD – Travis Veaux Blackbird left to be with our Heavenly Father on Sunday, January 11, 2015 at Mercy Medical Center, Durango, Colorado. Travis was born in Lawrence, Kansas on August 20, 1973 to Dr. Russell and Mrs. Ann Blackbird. He lived most of his life in Lawrence and Manhattan, Kansas.

Travis was a graduate of Lawrence High School; and Emporia State University, Emporia, Kansas receiving degrees in Social Work and Business Administration. Prior to becoming ill in 2010, he worked for the Southern Ute Indian Education Department, Ignacio, Colorado.

Travis was a double amputee and had experienced several health challenges. However, he remained positive and upbeat through the most difficult times. He enjoyed laughter, and teasing people to get them to laugh, too. He was an avid Kansas State University sports fan and attended a majority of the football bowl games. If he wasn't reading, he was doing what he took pride in – Native American Art of beading.

Travis was an enrolled member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, Ignacio, Colorado. HE was also from the Omaha Tribe

of Nebraska and Iowa. His Omaha name is Egahshun which refers to “one who goes far off and comes home again.” He is from the Earth Makers Clan of the Sky People from the Omaha Tribe. He was a member of the Trinity Episcopal Church of Lawrence, Kansas, and the Native American Church of the Omaha tribe. He also belonged to the Omaha Helushka Society and Omaha Tiah-Piah Society.

He is survived by his parents of Ignacio, Colorado. One sister, Twyla, of Durango, Colorado. Grandparents, Clifford and Sarah Baker of Ignacio. Several grandparents, aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews, and cousins from Colorado, Nebraska, and Oklahoma.

He is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Elmer and Nancy Blackbird; and Mabel Veaux Blackbird.

Omaha Tribal Native American Church services are pending in Macy, Nebraska. Mark Merrick, Jr. will be in charge. Burial will be at Omaha Tribal Cemetery, Macy, Nebraska. A memorial service will be held Sunday, Jan. 25 at 11 a.m. in the Southern Ute Memorial Chapel, a giveaway and feast will follow in the Southern Ute Multi-Purpose building.

SUPD WELCOMES NEW LT. • FROM PAGE 1

er's husband was a state police officer,” he said. “When I was in high school, I did a ride-along with a state police officer who was stationed in Tierra Amarilla.”

Martinez has had a long history in law enforcement, branching out in various locations in the southwest. He spent five years as a patrolman in Las Vegas, NM with an additional eleven months added in Albuquerque.

Eventually he migrated to Santa Fe where he saw himself in the position as a patrol sergeant, public information officer, and Captain of the Investigations Bureau. Additionally, he has experience in the narcotics and drug task force.

Martinez commented that he came to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to further his experience and mentorship in law enforcement.

“I have the opportunity to continue my law enforcement career and hopefully utilize my training and experiences to mentor the officers and sergeants of the Southern Ute Police Department,” he said. “I hope to continue to build on the foundation established by the officers and supervisors of the department in bringing professional police services to the Southern Ute Indian Tribe.”

NEW EMPLOYEES



Angela Herrera
Job title: Rec. Specialist
Description of duties: Supervise recreational events.
Tribe: Southern Ute Tribe



Juan Jose Martinez
Job title: Lieutenant
Description of duties: Enforce tribal law of Southern Ute Tribe.
Family: One son-14 years old.



Matthew Morishise
Job title: Tribal Credit Division Head
Description of duties: Manage Tribal Credit Department
Hobbies: Snowboarding, hiking, camping and concerts.
Family: 3 brothers, 1 sister, 9 nieces and nephews but no children of my own.



Twilight Smith
Job title: Corrections Officer
Description of duties: Maintain safety and security of facility, monitor inmates and movements.
Hobbies: Walking, bike riding with my children.
Family: Family vacation go to dinner, movies, fishing and camping.
Tribe: Navajo



Marlena Valdez
Job title: Records Clerk
Hobbies: I love to sing.
Family: Jeremiah Valdez, Husband; Haiden Valdez, Daughter; Stepdaughters, Keyana and Mamakwa Valdez.
Tribe: Navajo

EXPRESS YOUR OPINIONS

BURCH FAMILY THANKS

We, the family of the late Leonard C. Burch would like to express our sincere gratitude to all the Southern Ute tribal members, tribal employees, tribal departments, tribal elders, youth, individuals, community members and area businesses that made the 3rd Annual Leonard C. Burch Memorial Walk a great success.

We would like to thank the following: Southern Ute Growth Fund, Maynes, Bradford, Shipps and Sheftel Law Office, Vice-Chairman Mel Baker, Tribal Councilman Alex Cloud, Southern Ute Tribal Council, Executive Officer; Michelle Taylor- Cruz, Robin Duffy-Wirth & SunUte Fitness, Trae Seibel, Claudette Casaus, Sage-Bishop-Frane, Abel Velasquez, Dewayne Reed, Beth Santistevan, Trennie Collins, The Southern Ute Drum staff, Deanna Frost, Kim Heintzman and the Shining Mountain Diabetes program, Mary Gunther & the Sunshine Cloud Smith Youth Advisory Council, KSUT and staff, Tribal Information Services, Eddie & Betty Box; Sandman and Hummingbird Entertainment, Southern Ute Health Department, Southern Ute Police Department, American Diversity Business Solutions, Sky Ute Casino, Sky Ute Casino Food & Beverage Department, Rolling Thunder Lanes, Seven Rivers Bingo, El Dorado Café, The Patio Restaurant, KD's Café Latte, Ignacio Floral & Gifts, El Amigo Mexican Restaurant, Bayfield Tequila's Mexican Restaurant for their heartfelt contributions.

Also to include the LCB Art and Literacy Contest, this was a great achievement and success for many young students who took part in the academic and art competition. Students did an outstanding job in their art, research and their ability to learn about the Southern Ute Growth Fund Department of Energy. We thank you for a job well done. The prizes for each grade level were spectacular and many of the students were surprised of each of the awards given.

We would like to thank the following: Trennie B. Collins, The Southern Ute Drum; Damon Toledo, The Southern Ute Drum Photographer; Andrea Taylor, Tribal Information Services Director; Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy Administrators, guides, parents and relatives; Ignacio School District Administrators, teachers, resource staff, parents and relatives; and the Southern Ute Education Department. Judges: Damon Toledo, Willette White-

skunk, Lynnette Sage, Lena Gallegos, Leona Burch and Leonora Burch.

Plus, anyone we might have unintentionally not mentioned.

May Creator look upon your path with guidance, protection, and love. Wishing everyone a prosperous and successful New Year 2015!

*Respectfully,
Mrs. Irene C. Burch,
Daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren
and great-grandchildren*

HAPPY NEW YEAR MEMBERSHIP!

It is already 2015! Oh my gosh, last year came and went!

I am urging all newly eligible membership to take the time to vote in our next election.

I also ask that you really think about the person whom you are casting your vote for. Spend the time evaluating which prospective Council Member would best represent your views and our Tribe.

Ask yourself, have they been on Council before? If so, did they represent our Tribe with honor? How have they conducted themselves publicly? Do you TRULY, in your heart of hearts, feel they would represent our Tribe well, if elected? Do they have statements in the Southern Ute Drum that address their political views? Read their statements and learn about them. If it is a former Candidate, did they fulfill or not fulfill their “promises”? Take all that you learn and make your decision. A person on Council has a critically important role! You do not have to vote for a friend or relative simply because they expect you to. At the end of the day, it really is our duty to VERY carefully weigh the pro's and con's of each Candidate.

Percentage numbers are way down regarding recent voter turn out, please take the time to vote.

In any case, cast your vote for whom you feel would best respectfully, honestly, and with dignity- represent our great Tribe.

We have had some awesome Candidates running in the last few elections and the up and coming one. A great mixture of young and old! A great balance.

An old saying is, you can't complain if you don't vote. Put in on your calendar, get out there and cast your valuable VOTE!

Have a HAPPY, blessed and safe New Year, one and all!!

*Geraldine Rael
Tribal Member*

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COMMUNITY GREETINGS

CONGRATULATIONS LENA!

The staff here at the Pine River Community Learning Center would like to congratulate Lena Burch-Gallegos for making the Dean's list at Utah State University for the 2014 Fall Semester. She is a very dedicated to her studies and her 4.0 GPA is a reflection of her hard work. We are very proud of you.

PRCLC

HAPPY BIRTHDAY SHYANNE VIGIL

Here's wishing my silly “Laughing Girl” a very good Birthday on 1/28. You are such a joy to be around because all you do is make us laugh, and of course you laughing at everything. It's good to see you laugh around all the time because you are such a happy goofy girl. Not only that, but you are growing to be such a very beautiful teenager. You are your own person, and I want you to stay that way. You have your own personality and ways about you which is great. May the Creator bless you with all of your needs and keep you safe from harm all the days of your life. Stay as beautiful and silly as you are now. The Creator has giving you a gift of laughter,

keep that gift always. Happy Birthday my beautiful “Laughing Girl.” I love you.

Granny Darlene F.

HAPPY EARLY BIRTHDAYS

Happy birthdays to my daughter, Miracle (1/25) and my Grandson AhKeem (1/29)! May the days of your new years be filled with happiness and joy. I love you both – and KJ and Keelyn who recently celebrated her birthday – with all my heart. I did not know my true purpose in life until I became a papa! Thank you Mira for giving me the greatest g-kidz!

Love – your Daddy and Papa – Robert

CONGRATS RHIANNA

I would like to say congrats to my niece Rhianna Carel for all the hard work she has been putting into her school work and for getting the award and recognition that comes with it. I want you to know that you can dream big and accomplish great things with a little hard work! Me and cousin Jared are very proud of you Rae!

Venessa L. Carel

Drum Deadline

Next issue:
Feb. 6
Deadline:
Feb. 2

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Road Runner schedule changes

Road Runner Transit made changes in its 2015 schedule that went into effect Jan. 12. The Ignacio to Durango route has been increased to five runs per day, with an additional run starting in Ignacio a 2:25 p.m. The Bayfield to Durango route has been reduced to three runs per day. The Ignacio to Aztec schedule has not changed. Schedule changes are based on funding changes for 2015. Riders are encouraged to find schedule details online at www.sucap.org/roadrunner, or by calling 970-563-4545. For information, contact Clayton Richter at 970-563-4517, ext. 121.

Road Runner Transit Schedule

| IGNACIO-to-DURANGO (Five runs per day) Leaves the Road Runner office in Ignacio at: | BAYFIELD-to-DURANGO (Three runs per day) Leaves the Pine River Library in Bayfield at: | IGNACIO-to-AZTEC (Three runs per day) Leaves Sky Ute Casino Resort at: |
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| 5:55 a.m. | 6:50 a.m. | 5:45 a.m. |
| 8:25 a.m. | 8:40 a.m. | 2:05 a.m. |
| 11:55 a.m. | 4:30 p.m. | 5:13 p.m. |
| 2:25 p.m. (new run) | | |
| 4:50 p.m. | | |

KSUT

Board of Directors Vacancy

KSUT Radio is seeking two Southern Ute tribal members to fill a vacancy on its board of directors. This is a non-paid position that requires attending board meetings every month, with additional special meetings as needed. KSUT is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization. Please send a letter of interest to Rob Rawles at KSUT, P.O. Box 737, Ignacio, CO 81137. Open until filled.

JOHNSON O'MALLEY COMMITTEE Committee Vacancies

There are two vacancies on the Johnson-O'Malley committee (JOM). If you are interested in becoming a committee member please submit a letter to the Ellen Baker at the Southern Ute Education Dept. This is a volunteered position and meetings are once a month on the first Monday at 5:30 p.m. For more information contact Ellen Baker at the Education Department, 970-563-0235, ext. 2793 or email esbaker@southernute-nsn.gov. Eligibility requirements are listed below.

- You must have a student enrolled with Ignacio or Bayfield School District K-12
- You student must be eligible for the Johnson-O'Malley program with proper documentation on file with the Education Department (Ellen Baker)
- Open to Native American parent or legal guardianship of a Native American that is enrolled with the two school district

Correction: In a photo published in the Jan. 9 issue, the Southern Ute Culture Dept. were credited for the Ute Hunger Games event which was a Southern Ute Cultural Center & Museum event.

SOUTHERN UTE CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM Board of Directors Vacancy

Southern Ute Cultural Center and Museum (SUCCM) is actively seeking two qualified tribal or community members who would be available for regularly scheduled and emergency meetings throughout the year for its Board of Directors. We need team-focused, inspiring leaders who believe in our core mission and vision, ready to connect deeply with our museum and our causes. For more information, please call 970-563-9583 during regular business hours. A letter of intent should be submitted by email to sclane@southernute-nsn.gov, in person to SUCCM at 503 Ouray Drive, or by mail at P. O. Box 737 #95, Ignacio, CO 81137.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE Tribal Credit Committee Vacancy

The Southern Ute Tribal Credit Committee has an opening for a member. The Credit Committee members must be 18 years old and be an enrolled member of the Tribe. Individuals seeking to serve on the Committee must demonstrate a reputation of personal integrity, dependability, honesty, a strong work ethic, and the ability to perform in a non-biased, confidential and fair manner. They must be familiar with the objectives of the Declaration and must maintain good financial standing with the Tribe. These individuals must also pass a criminal background and reference checks. The term may be for a three (3) year period. All interested Tribal members who would like to serve on the committee are urged to submit a letter of interest to Andi Cook-Hiett in Human Resources.

Duties of the Credit Committee:

- Approve loans as required by the Declaration
- Monitor compliance with Declaration
- Monitor approved loan performance
- Make recommendations to Tribal Council on program revisions and updates regarding Committee operations
- Maintain confidentiality, objectivity and fairness in conducting all Committee business
- Hold monthly regular meeting and other special meetings as necessary
- Coordinate the Committee's annual budget with Tribal Credit Staff

PUBLIC NOTICE, TO GENERAL PUBLIC Unauthorized grazing on Tribal lands

It is illegal to graze unauthorized livestock on the Southern Ute Indian Reservation. The Southern Ute Indian tribe shall continue to strictly enforce Title 18 of the Southern ute Tribal Code and applicable federal regulations which prohibit trespass by livestock and the running-at-large of livestock on Tribal lands. Violaters of Title 18 of the Southern Ute Tribal Code are subject to civil penalties and fines up to \$1000, impoundment of livestock and all impoundment costs. In addition, violators may be subject to actual and punitive damages and injuctive relief. If you have livestock trespassing on Southern ute Indian Tribal lands, you have until **FEBRUARY 15, 2015** to contact Southern Ute Animal Control to claim/gather said trespass livestock and pay any associated fines. After this date and time the Tribe will take all necessary action to ensure the protection of the reservation and its natural resources, including those actions authorized by the Tribe's Constitution and Code. You may contact Southern Ute Animal Control at 970-563-0133.

Signed: Pearl E. Casias, Southern Ute Indian Tribe, June 9, 2011.

REQUEST FOR BIDS

Consruction and Installation Services • Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Utilities Division

Southern Ute Indian Tribe Utilities Division
116 Mouache Drive
Ignacio, Colorado, 81303

Issued: January 9, 2015
Submittal Due Date: February 5, 5 p.m. MST

BACKGROUND: The Southern Ute Indian Tribe's Utilities Division ("Division") provides utilities services for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe ("Tribe") within the Southern Ute Indian Reservation near Ignacio, Colorado. The Division operates the Southern Ute Water Treatment Plant located at 981 CR 518, La Plata County, Colorado (the "Plant"), approximately 5 miles south of Bayfield, Colorado, and is seeking a contractor to install a standby generator set at the Plant ("Contractor").

INTRODUCTION: The selected Contractor must have sufficient skilled workers, supervisory personnel, equipment and experience to install the standby generator set (occasionally referred to as the "genset") at the Plant and perform the work efficiently and independently, in coordination with representatives of the Division (the "Project"). Observation and oversight of the Project will be performed primarily by representatives of the Division. The Contractor shall follow the scope of work, drawings, specifications, the Contract executed upon award of the work, and other engineering documents provided by the Division (the "Contract Documents"), which provide further detail to the Anticipated Scope of Work set forth below, and which require the Contractor to follow the 2014 Edition of the National Electrical Code (NFPA-70).

ANTICIPATED SCOPE OF WORK

- Contractor will meet with representatives of the Division to develop a list of critical path items for the Project. The Contractor should expect to attend a kick-off meeting, at least four Project meetings with Division representatives, and at least two site visits. The Division does not anticipate the need for the Contractor to meet with the Division's management committee or with the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council; however, the Contractor should be prepared for such meetings, if requested.
- Contractor will coordinate source of power clearances with La Plata Electric Association (LPEA) and the Division. All LPG piping construction will be coordinated with the Division.
- The Contractor is responsible for locating all buried utilities affecting the Project and shall coordinate location activities with the Division.
- Contractor will be responsible for checking and documenting phase rotation at the facility service entrance prior to beginning work. Contractor is responsible for maintaining proper rotation with the installation of new conductors and verifying that the generator phase rotation matches the existing source rotation.
- Contractor will remove and dispose of the existing manual transfer switch.
- Contractor will remove existing conduit and conductor from utility transformer to the manual transfer switch (via fused disconnect).
- Contractor will remove or reuse existing conduit and conductors from removed manual transfer switch to the fused disconnect as necessary. If the conductors cannot be removed, the contractor shall dispose of the removed material.
- Contractor will make all excavations and install genset foundation as indicated in the Contract Documents, and in accordance with manufacturer instructions and applicable

- laws. This includes picking up material located on the Plant premises, and transporting it to the equipment locations.
- Contractor will be responsible for all excavation and removal of excess/unacceptable fill material. Contractor shall excavate the required trenches as shown in the drawings. The scope of the trenching work includes saw-cutting and removal of asphalt concrete, trench bedding, backfilling with flow fill concrete, disposal of spoils, and replacing/repairing the surface.
 - Contractor will furnish and install all cables, conduit, conduit accessories, wiring enclosures, and all other materials required to complete the project as indicated in the Contract Documents and in accordance with applicable laws.
 - Contractor will furnish and install a dedicated 1.75" LPG line and regulator(s) from the existing propane tanks to the genset in accordance with manufacturer instructions and applicable laws.
 - Contractor will furnish and install one (1) 12V, sealed, lead-acid battery, capable of supplying 710 cold cranking amps or 65 amp/hour in the genset.
 - Contractor will furnish and install one (1) 2-gang receptacle in genset enclosure.
 - Contractor will close all unused openings on switches and wiring enclosures.
 - Contractor will coordinate with the Division regarding all concrete and earthwork testing.
 - Contractor will minimize the amount of pavement disturbed during construction and replace with Sakrete U.S. Cold Patch® following backfill of trenches.
 - Contractor shall excavate sufficient material around the new installation to prevent eroded material from accumulating on concrete.
 - The Contractor shall provide a list of personnel and their job classifications prior to award of the Contract.

SCHEDULE: The Contractor will submit to the Division an anticipated schedule, which the Division must approve after award of the Contract and further consultation with the Contractor. The Division anticipates a start date of March 1, 2015 and a completion date of May 1, 2015.

INDIAN PREFERENCE: The Tribe's Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance (TERO) has established a preference for contracting and subcontracting to certified Indian-owned businesses. To receive this preference in the award of the Contract, Native American-owned companies must be certified by the Tribe's TERO office. Any Native American-owned business not certified by the due date will not be given preference. For information on certification, contact the TERO office at 970-563-0117.

BIDDING AND SELECTION PROCESS: The Division will hold a mandatory pre-bid meeting on Jan. 22, 2015, at 10 a.m., at the Project site. Prospective contractors will be able to familiarize themselves with Project details and ask questions of the Division in-person. Follow-up questions may be directed to Kelly Jesse at 970-563-5513 until Jan. 29, 2015. The Division anticipates completing the closed bid process and awarding the Contract by Feb. 9, 2015. The selection of the Contractor will be completed by representatives of the Division.

The evaluation criteria will include the following:

- Qualifications of the Contractor, its staff, and any subcontractors.
- Details regarding expertise or strengths necessary to complete the Project.

- Prior experience with similar projects.
- References from other similar projects.
- Total Project cost given the above Anticipated Scope of Work.
- Understanding of the Project needs and the quality of suggested approaches to the work.
- Description of approach to quality control, project management and team communication.
- Willingness to enter into the Division's standard contract for on-Reservation work (the "Contract")
- The Consultant providing the best value to the Division will be selected; the lowest-cost bidder will not necessarily be selected. The selection process may, at the discretion of the Division, include possible interviews of Contractor representatives.

PROPOSAL FORMAT AND SUBMISSION

To submit electronically: Send the submittals listed below to hbriskey@suitutil.com, with a copy to kcjesse@suitutil.com by the Submittal Due Date, with "RFP – Genset Installation 2014" in the subject line.

To submit in person or by mail: Send or deliver two (2) completed sets of the submittals listed below with a cover page marked "RFP – Genset Installation 2014" to 116 Mouache Drive, Ignacio, Colorado, 81303.

- The submittals must contain the following major topics in the following order:
- Letter of Interest: A letter of interest that includes a summary of the Contractor's business, its qualifications, primary contact information (mailing address, email address, telephone and facsimile numbers), and the principal-in-charge representing the contractual authority of the firm.
 - Key Personnel: Include a list of the Consultant's key personnel, stating their specific roles in past projects, professional titles, related qualifications, and past relevant experience. Identify also what specific role each individual is likely to serve during the Project.
 - Relevant Experience: Provide statements of the Contractor's past appropriate experience as it relates to similar projects. Include a brief description of the projects and references with current contact information.
 - Proposal: Provide the Contractor's proposal in response to the Anticipated Scope of Work and other information provided herein.
 - Additional Information: The Contractor may include other related information in the proposal that may assist in the evaluation process.

OTHER INFORMATION

The Division reserves the right to reject late proposals. The Division reserves the right to reject any and all submittals, as well as the right to waive informalities. The Division also reserves the right to issue written notice to all submitting contractors of any change in the proposal submission schedule should the Division determine, in its sole discretion, that changes are necessary. The Division's receipt of any proposal submitted pursuant to this Request for Proposals shall not constitute any implied intent to enter into a contract for services. As the Division deems necessary and appropriate in its sole discretion, the Division reserves the right to make any inquiries or take other follow-up actions required to verify the information provided. The Division reserves the right to retain any or all of the materials and drawings submitted by the respondents to this RFP. Questions may be directed to: Kelly Jesse: kcjesse@suitutil.com. 970-563-5513

Sky Ute Casino Resort – Job announcements

Visit our website at www.skyutecasino.com to view job openings and apply online.
Human Resources • Phone: 970-563-1311 • PO Box 340, Ignacio, CO 81137
TERO-Native American Preference • All Applicants Welcome
Must pass pre-employment drug test, background check, qualify for and maintain a Division of Gaming License and be able to work all shifts, weekends or holidays.

Line Cook-Willows (Full-time)
Closing date 1/23/15
Prepares the A La Carte menu in the Willows and is accountable for consistency of standardized recipes, presentation, food quality and freshness. High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. Must have at least 1 year cooking experience as a cook in a fast paced full service restaurant OR 6 months in house training. Must have knowledge of standards of food preparation, serving and kitchen procedures.

***Multi-Games Dealer (On-call)**
Closing date 1/30/15
Deals Blackjack (Class 3), Three Card poker, Roulette and specialty games while providing a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 6 months Table Games Dealer experience or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

***Poker Dealer (On-call)**
Closing date 1/30/15
Deals the various games of Class 2 poker while promoting a positive guest experience through accurate, prompt, courteous, and efficient service. High School Diploma/Equivalency. 21 years old+. 6 months experience as a poker dealer or Dealer School Certification. Must pass audition.

Server-Willows (Full-time)
Closing Date 1/23/15
Provides an exceptional dining experience by delivering first class guest service of food and beverages to include: taking the order and delivering food and beverage items. High School diploma/equivalency. 18 years old+. Minimum 1 year waitress/waiter experience. 1 year of cashing and food service experience. Must have a point-of-sale cash register experience.

**Must be at least 21 years old.*

Southern Ute Growth Fund – Job announcements

Please visit our website at www.sugf.com/jobs.asp to view job details and to apply online.
Human Resources • P.O. Box 367 • Ignacio, CO • Phone: 970-563-5064 • Job hotline: 970-563-5024.
Tribal Member employment preference • Must pass pre-employment drug test/background check.

SAP Business Intelligence and PeopleSoft Lead Architect – Shared Services (Ignacio, CO)
Closing date 1/29/15
Under the general direction of the Application Development Manager, the Lead Architect develops and oversee the implementation of complex data warehouse solutions which extract data from multiple source systems including PeopleSoft Finance and Human Capital Management applications using SAP Business Intelligence suite and Microsoft's SQL Server database

toolset along with other data extraction and transformation methods as needed. The Lead Architect analyzes, develops reports and maintains SAP's Business Intelligence suite of tools with other source systems. The Lead Architect supports customers' business goals, assists reporting end users and Shared Services staff as needed within the SAP Business Intelligence suite. The Lead Architect oversees operation and maintenance, including development, backups and disaster recovery as required to meet the information needs of the business.

STATE OF COLORADO

Assistant Regional Museum Director

State of Colorado invites applications for the position of Assistant Regional Museum Director. This announcement is not governed by the selection processes of the classified personnel system. Applications will be considered from residents and non-residents of Colorado. History Colorado has a strong commitment to diversity and cultural competence. We welcome responses from people of diverse backgrounds and abilities.

Class title: Non-Classified
Location: Montrose, Colorado
Primary physical address: Ute Indian Museum 17253 Chipeta Road Montrose, Colorado 81401
Salary: \$3,075 - \$3,420/monthly
Opening date: 1/9/15
Closing date: 1/25/15, 11:59 p.m.
Job type: Full Time
Department information: If you are considering a career opportunity with the goal of making a difference, consider joining the dedicated people at History Colorado. Our professionals aspire to engage people in our State's heritage through collecting, preserving, and discovering the past in order to educate and provide perspectives for the future. In addition to a great location and rewarding, meaningful work, we offer:

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Description of job: The Assistant Director is one of two staff members charged with managing all aspects of a community museum including building community relationships, developing educational programs and exhibits, running a museum store, handling facility needs and developing and monitoring the budget.

Minimum Qualifications:

- A degree in business, historic preservation, history, museum studies, architecture, development, facilities management, education, public relations, or related field.
- Educational background required is critical due to the nature of the buildings and the artifacts they house.
- Excellent communications skills and public service experience. Must demonstrate excellent written and oral communication skills.
- Must have the ability to initiate projects, set goals and priorities and manage multiple projects independently.
- Must be able to serve in director capacity when necessary.

Highly desirable qualifications: It is highly desirable for the candidate to have experience working with American Indian tribes or tribal representatives.

Supplement information: Interested individuals are asked to submit a job application, letter of interest, and three references using the online application system. Failure to submit references may cause you to be removed from consideration. Successful candidate must pass a criminal background check prior to hire.

How to apply: Submit an on-line application by following the link below or submit a State of Colorado Application for Announced Vacancy and all supplemental questions according to the instructions provided below. Failure to submit a complete and timely application may result in the rejection of your application. Applicants are responsible for ensuring that application materials are received by the appropriate Human Resources office before the closing date and time listed above.

Contact information: Dany.mccoy@state.co.us

Applications may be filed online at: <http://www.colorado.gov/jobs>

Position #GCA-121914-ARMD: Assistant Regional Museum Director
Assistant Regional Museum Director Supplemental Questionnaire:

- *1. Describe your experience working with tribes or tribal representatives.
- *2. Please describe your experience with facilities and program management.
- *3. For you, what are the most challenging aspects of managing a retail or rental program?

** Required Question*

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBE

Tribal Deputy Coroner Vacancy

The Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council is seeking letters of interest for persons interested in the appointed positions of Tribal Deputy Coroner. Qualifications are as follows:

- Must be at least twenty-one years of age
- Must have law enforcement experience
- Must be EMT certified or possess other similar medical training
- Must have a valid Drivers License for state of residency and be insurable under the Tribal vehicle insurance policy
- Must maintain a telephone for emergency notification purposes

The position is compensated at a rate of \$100 per call-out. The Coroner budget is administered by the Southern Ute Police Department and is available for advanced training and needed equipment. Please submit letter of interest for the Deputy Coroner to the Department of Justice & Regulatory, PO Box 737 – MS#10, Ignacio, Colorado 81137 or in person at the Justice & Regulatory Administration Building at 71 Mike Frost Way by Feb. 20. All letters will be presented to the Southern Ute Indian Tribal Council for their consideration.

Southern Ute Indian Tribe – Job announcements

Please refer to the complete job announcements on the Human Resources website at www.southern-ute.nsn.us/jobs. If you need help filling out an online application, please come into the HR office and we are happy to assist you on our applicant computer stations.

ALL EMPLOYMENT APPLICATIONS ARE SUBMITTED ONLINE

Applicants and employees, please be sure the HR Department has your current contact information on file. P.O. Box 737 - Ignacio, CO 81137

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Human Resources accepts applications for temporary employment on an ongoing basis.

Detention Transport Officer
Closing date 1/23/15
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, incumbent maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all inmate activities within and outside of the detention center. The Transportation/ Detention Officer will be responsible for transportation of inmates to and from other facilities, medical appointments, and court appearances. Pay grade 18; \$18.80/hour.

Detention Sergeant
Closing date 1/23/15
Under general supervision of the Detention Lieutenant, assist in the planning, organizing, and reviewing administrative and staffing functions and activities in the Detention Division. Pay grade 19; \$20.64/hour

Detention Officer
Closing date 1/23/15
Under general supervision of the Detention Sergeant, maintains the safety and welfare of inmates and visitors and monitors all activities within the detention center. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Internal Operations Auditor
Closing date 1/26/15
Performs program assessments, efficiency studies, and operational auditing for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe to identify and eliminate risk/liability, unnecessary spending, unneeded staffing, and inefficient operations. Develops and implements internal audit processes and procedures. Develops, implements, and monitors Key Performance Indicators, recommends improvements to business processes that will promote overall efficiency, productivity and increased customer satisfaction. Pay grade 23; \$65,584/annual.

Education Assistant
Closing date 1/26/15
Assists Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy students with educational, physical, emotional, and social growth and development

Distance Learning Coordinator
Closing date 1/23/15
Works in coordination with Tribal Organizations, Universities, Colleges, local schools, and community members to provide long distance telecommunications educational resource information and classes for the Southern Ute Indian Tribe, and assist the Academic Advisor in supporting associates degree students. This position is for an Enrolled Member of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe only. Pay grade 17; \$17.22/hour.

Part Time Youth Cultural Educator
Closing date 1/23/15
This position provides a Part Time opportunity for a Southern Ute Tribal Member to provide program coordination, organization, design, and implementation described in the scope of work of the grant description that funds the position. It involves providing cultural programing for the youth of parents who will be attending DBT classes, as well as supporting the cultural youth and family programs at the Southern Ute Indian Montessori Academy and the Boys & Girls Club. The DBT classes will be held in 8-week long sessions, three times per year. Pay grade 15; \$14.10/hour.

Case Manager
Closing date 1/27/15
Under general supervision of the Director of Nursing, facilitating the patients overall healthcare needs. The RN case manager coordinates with physicians, nurses, social workers, other health team members, contract healthcare providers and facilities to expedite medically appropriate and cost effective care for patients on and off the reservation. The Case Manager functions as an advisor to Tribal Health clinical leadership team and participates in multi-disciplinary committees to improve clinical quality management and overall patient care coordination of the Southern Ute Indian Tribe membership. Pay grade 22; \$29/hour.

Lands Coordinator
Closing date 1/28/15
Responsible for the management of Tribal Land Assignments and Proposed Project Notification (proposed surface disturbing projects on Tribal Lands) and ensures Tribal Members and other entities receive services related to general land management and proposed Tribal land use. Pay grade 20; \$23.01/hour.

Patient Services Representative
Closing date 1/28/15
Directly reports to clinics Business Officer Manager as first line of communication with patients. Provides patient registration services to including clerical/administrative support. interface with staff members, providers, other Tribal departments, outside agencies, hospitals, clinics, and other entities as required. Performs customer service functions to include greeting patients, doing patient intake, answers telephones, data entry, and a variety of other complex scheduling activities as assigned. Pay grade 14; \$13/hour.

SOUTHERN UTE INDIAN TRIBAL MEMBER ONLY

Academic Advisor
Closing date 1/23/15
This is a professional education position under general supervision of the Education Department Director, providing academic advisement to scholarship applicants and recipients. This position is for an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Pay 18; \$39,096/annual.

Culture Department Education Coordinator
Closing date 1/26/15
Design and development of the cultural and language curriculum, which shall be used in teaching and instruction to tribal members, staff, clients and community. Responsible for working with the Ute Language Teachers, Elders, and Southern Ute tribal members on an individual basis, sharing ideas and materials on how to assist in learning and retaining Ute language and culture. Assists tribal members, staff, clients and the community in reaching the goals and objectives of the Culture Department. Incorporating the Ute history, culture, and folklore into the language and culture curriculum and instruction. This position is for an Enrolled Southern Ute Tribal Member only. Pay grade 20; \$47,868/annual.

LAND FOR SALE

Attention tribal members/employees

Tribal members & employees! Get to work in 5 minutes from this 16 irrigated acres on the Southern Ute Indian Tribe reservation, 4 easy miles north from Ignacio off CR 514, one full irrigation water share from the King Ditch, south sloping land growing hay, average 650 bales one cutting, w/pond, electricity at property line, entirely fenced, private, excellent access road, asking price has been significantly reduced to sell at \$150K. Financing may be available with 35% down payment at 5% APR to a qualified buyer. If interested please call Steve Williams 970-884-1326 or email questions to ljmforever53@gmail.com for more details.



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NATIVE ENTERTAINMENT

Holt Hamilton Productions announces ‘Legends from the Sky’ theatrical release

Staff report
HOLT HAMILTON PRODUCTIONS

Holt Hamilton Productions, notable producers of Native American films More Than Frybread, Turquoise Rose, Blue Gap Boy’z, and Pete & Cleo has announced the theatrical release of their fifth feature film Legends from the Sky on Jan. 30, at the Gaslight Twin Cinema (Durango Stadium 9) in Durango, Colo. Price is standard ticket price.

Legends from the Sky, a science fiction thriller about a Native American Veteran burdened by survivor’s guilt from a disastrous military tour who finds himself searching for his missing grandfather who disappears when an Unknown Federal Organization takes over his ancestral land, sets precedence in an uncharted genre for Native American films.

The film was predominantly shot on location at Dine College in Tsaile, Arizona on the Navajo Nation with additional days filmed on the Makah Reservation in Neah Bay, Washington.

The film is the first science fiction thriller produced by Holt Hamilton Productions, “I’ve had the idea to make a Science Fiction Native thriller for quite some time, I wanted to make a movie

that gave me a new experience in a film genre,” Director Holt Hamilton said, “this story gave me the opportunity to get in and work with a different style of filmmaking”

Legends from the Sky showcases an array of talent with a cast roster that includes Los Angeles based actress/singer Mia Sable (Choctaw), Ernest Tsosie III (Navajo), Chris Robinson (General Hospital), Navajo Code Talker Thomas H. Begay (Navajo), Cale Epps, James Bilagody (Navajo) Drew Moore, Wayne Charles Baker (Squamish), Der-

ek Solorsano (2Guns, Kingdom), Jon Gonzalez (Chiricahua Apache) and newcomer Edsel Pete (Navajo).

Theatre release for Legends from the Sky is scheduled for January 30, 2015 at seven (7) theatrical locations that include Gallup, NM, Farmington, NM, Oklahoma City, OK, Denver, CO, Tempe, AZ, Tucson, AZ, and Durango, CO. More locations continue to be booked.

For the most current screening details and information please visit our website at www.HoltHamilton.com



LOCAL IGNACIO WEATHER

Friday, Jan. 23

Sunny 33

Saturday, Jan. 24

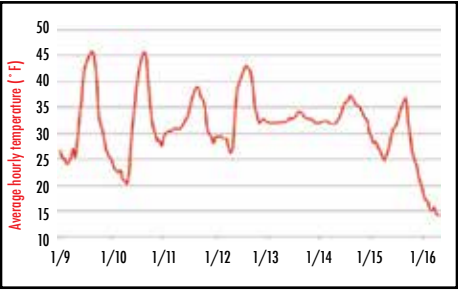
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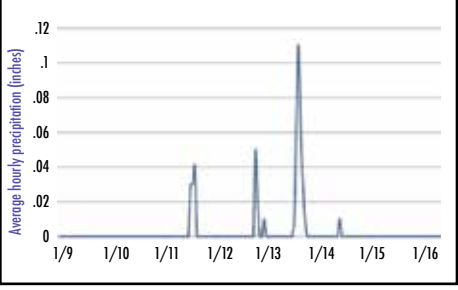
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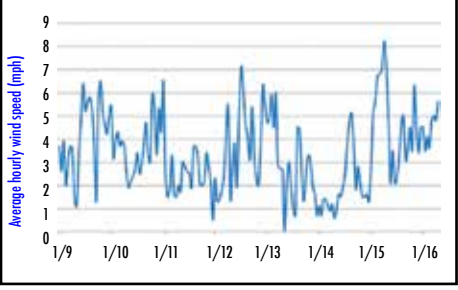
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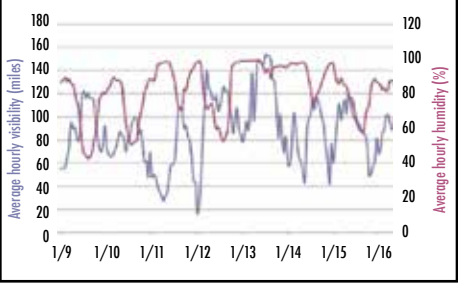
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| High | 45.7° |
| Low | 14.2° |
| Average | 31.4° |
| Average last year | 27.7° |



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| Total | 0.480" |
| Total last year | 0.000" |



| Wind speed | |
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| Average | 3.4 |
| Minimum | 0.0 |
| Maximum | 8.2 |



| Visibility & humidity | |
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| Average visibility | 87.9 |
| Average humidity | 82.4% |

| Air quality | |
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| Good | |
| Air quality descriptor: 36 | |

WRESTLERS STOUT IN SALIDA • FROM PAGE 1

of senior teammate Mike Perez, whom he pinned 41 ticks into the third period. Senior Blaine Mickey ended up fourth at 182 pounds after a loss to Center’s George Weatherford, and senior Wyatt Mickas did not place after going 0-2 at 106.

Next for Ignacio was to be a non-league dual at 4A Durango on Thursday, Jan. 22, but results were unavailable by the Drum’s deadline. The Cats then head north on the Jan. 23 to the Paonia Duals, and remain in the area for PHS’ Screaming Eagle Invitational on the Jan. 24. IHS’ own Butch Melton Memorial Invitational is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 31.



Joel Priest/Special to the Drum

Ignacio’s Josh Gallegos tries breaking down 3A Montezuma-Cortez’s Victor Perez during heavyweight, non-league dual action Jan. 12 inside the Panthers’ Ron Wright Memorial Gymnasium. The Bobcats lost to M-CHS 39-15, with Perez getting a second-period pin, but IHS rebounded to beat 2A San Juan Basin League foe Mancos 48-18 later that night. Gallegos, after receiving a forfeit win against MHS, went on to take second place at Salida’s Rob Mickel Memorial Invitational on Jan. 17.

‘The Mickel’ wrestling standings

TEAM STANDINGS

1. Cedaredge 160
2. Bayfield 131
3. **IGNACIO 128.5**
4. Salida 125
5. Peyton 119
6. Center 80
7. Colorado Springs Christian 70
8. Basalt 67
9. Westcliffe Custer County 56
10. Del Norte 51
11. San Luis Centennial 44
12. Las Animas 41
13. Leadville Lake County 40
14. Antonito 10.5
15. Manzanola 10

INDIVIDUAL CHAMPS

- 106 – Marcos Fernandez, Las Animas;
113 – STOCKER ROBBINS, IGNACIO;
120 – Taylor Claman, Peyton;
126 – Kyle Olsen, Salida;
132 – Wyatt Lee, Peyton;

- 138 – Jake Schoenfeld, Salida;
145 – Colter McMenimen, Bayfield;
152 – Salomon Chavez, Center;
160 – Cordell Curtis, Center;
170 – Jake Jolly, Del Norte;
182 – Nate Lowe, Salida;
195 – not reported;
220 – Anthony Antuna, Cedaredge;
Hwt – Sam Westbrook, Bayfield.

ON THE MAT’S CLASS 2A RANKINGS
JAN. 16 (previous rank)

1. Paonia (1)
2. Meeker (2)
3. Norwood/Nucla (5)
4. Rocky Ford (3)
5. Centauri (4)
6. Swink (6)
7. Sedgwick County/Fleming (8)
8. **IGNACIO (7)**
9. Ordway Crowley County (NR)
- Dropped out – Holly (9), Wray (10)

BOBCATS STAVE OF CHALLENGES • FROM PAGE 8

niors Adrian Hernandez and Andrew Plunkett each chipped in five.

Herrera managed ten points against Telluride, helping the Cats reinforce their six-point halftime lead to a stronger 13 (38-25) through three quarters, before Jones netted his last nine points in the fourth to lock up the win. Hayes scored eight, but Manzanares and Ward were held to just three apiece, Reynolds four and McCaw two.

Hanley totaled ten points for the Miners (4-3, 3-2), junior Miles Galbo came off Reiter’s bench to net nine and sophomore reserve Jackson Pettinos had four. Starters Zak Hild, John Broadhead, Gage Liver-

more and Amos Hodges, a junior-senior-senior-junior set, were held to a combined seven points.

“We had five minutes of horrible defensive basketball,” Valdez said. “We held them to two points for thirteen minutes in the first half, and then they scored 14 points in three minutes! Then in the second half we had a two-minute run where they get eight points – so 22 points off of those two!”

We were just being patient at that time, Reiter said.

“But then we had lapses, you know, where that’s not the case and then the deficit gets expanded. Ignacio’s a great team; they have

great players, they’re well-coached.”

Ignacio responded fine, Valdez said.

“But that’s something we cannot afford; we can’t have two- or three-minute letdowns throughout games because it will cost us games.”

McCaw agreed. “We just want to keep our pace.”

Ranked fifth in the CHSAANow.com Class 2A poll prior to the two-game home stand, and an improved 8-2 overall (4-0 SJB�) after it, the Bobcats were next slated to face Dove Creek away Jan. 23 and travel to Dolores on the 30th, before beginning their vital February stretch on the 3rd inside Mancos’ Performance Center.

LADY CATS LAYING WASTE • FROM PAGE 8

roll slowed to a 43-6 pace at halftime, 59-10 through three quarters and 63-20

when all was mercifully said and done with every supporter in the house doing mental mathematics of the blowout’s potential severity.

“I thought our defense really stepped up,” Seibel had said after the former victory, accurately summarizing the latter. “We got some steals which led to some easy baskets, and which got our offense going a little bit!”

Mancos junior Jessica Gutierrez began the third quarter of the Lady Jays’ loss with two free throws, but two Gomez buckets and one by Seibel in quick succession – for a 32-8 lead – sufficiently shocked MHS, which got no closer than 38-20 early in the fourth (when Gomez recorded no

points) on a trey by senior Taylor Goff.

Garcia totaled 13 points, senior Sky Cotton scored seven, sophomore Alejandra Lujan six, and juniors Cortney Baker and Selena Cook each booked two. Sophomore Nicole Hess paced Mancos (2-6, 0-3) with ten, Gutierrez totaled eight, Goff five and senior Andie Paschal, wracked ankle and all, managed just one.

Garcia again went for 13 versus Telluride, and Ellie Seibel finished with twelve points. Senior Amya Bison came off the bench to drop seven, Lujan netted six, Cotton five, and Gomez completed an outstanding home stand with ten.

“Avionne ... shot a high percentage, made her free throws,” Shane Seibel said, “and her focus ... was

sharper than I have seen it all year long. That’s the big difference, learning.”

Sophomore Whitney Wells led the Lady Miners (0-6, 0-5) with nine points, hitting seven of eight FT tries, Briana Santa Ana had four points from six charity-stripe trips, and reserve Jerrica Steger canned a late three-pointer.

Up next for Ignacio are road games in Dove Creek on Jan. 23 and Dolores on Jan. 30, with the rematch against MHS then following February 3rd inside the Mancos Performance Center.

“We’re focused on what we do best,” Seibel said. “Our defense, and let that become our offense. Then in the half-court set, just be patient and work the ball around for an open shot.”

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